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**IN THE
UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Winter

CASE: POW-001342

SER. NO.: 09/899,523

**THREE-MONTH
EXTENSION OF TIME**

FILING DATE: July 5, 2001

FOR: LEAK SENSOR FOR
FLOWING ELECTROLYTE
BATTERIES

**ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
FOR PATENTS
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ATTENTION OF:

EXAMINER:

Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-0545.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, Applicant respectfully requests an extension of the period in which to file the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed August 23, 2001, regarding the above-identified patent application, for an additional three months, from October 23, 2001, up to and including Feb. 23, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136, Applicant respectfully submits that a response was originally required to be filed on October 23, 2001, a period of two months from the mailing date of the Notice of Missing Parts; that the above-identified patent application is not involved in an interference proceeding; and that the Applicant

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herewith submits the three-month small entity Extension of Time fee of \$460.00, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a).

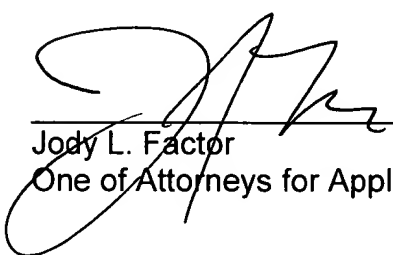
Applicant accordingly petitions for acceptance of the presently requested three-month extension of time.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 226-1818, is respectfully invited.

Respectfully submitted,

FACTOR & PARTNERS, LLC

Dated: February 26, 2002



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 26, 2002.



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